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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN

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FOR: METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING  
2,6-DIMETHYLNAPHTHALENE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-9.

Please add the following new claims:

10. (New) A method for manufacturing highly pure 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene comprising: a step of performing cooling crystallization of a mixture containing dimethylnaphthalenes which includes 2,6-dimethylnaphthalene; a step of performing solid-liquid separation to obtain a solid component; and a washing step of washing the solid component using a solvent;